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Commissioner for Patents  
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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/421,106  
Filed: October 15, 1999  
Title: **Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants**  
Appellant: Joseph R. BYRUM  
Atty. Docket: 16517.142

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO):

1. Request for Oral Hearing (in duplicate); and
2. Return postcard.

Please stamp the postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

Appellant requests that the \$290.00 fee for filing a Request for Oral Hearing be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.142.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Appellant does not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.142. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In re application of:

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**Request for Oral Hearing  
Before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences**

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Appellant hereby requests an oral hearing before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in the appeal of the above-identified application.

Authorization to charge the official fees for this filing is given in the accompanying transmittal letter. A duplicate copy of this Request is attached.

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